

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q86624

Seigo KANO, et al.

Appln. No.: 10/532,840

Group Art Unit: 3618

Confirmation No.: 2645

Examiner: Frank Bennett Vanaman

Filed: October 3, 2005

For: HYBRID DRIVING UNIT AND VEHICLE CARRYING THE SAME

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This responds to the Election of Species Requirement, dated March 27, 2008. The Examiner has identified the application as containing claims directed to more than one distinct species. The Examiner has required the Applicant to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted. The Examiner believes, and Applicant submits, that claim 1 is generic. Applicant has been advised that a response to this requirement shall include an identification of the species that is elected and a listing of all claims readable thereon.

In response to the Examiner's requirement, Applicant elects Species I, Figures 2 and 3 for examination on which claims 1-8 are readable (as amended in the April 27, 2005 Preliminary Amendment).

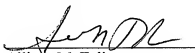
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Applicant submits that if any of the elected claims is found to be allowable, claims dependent therefrom should similarly be considered allowable in the same application.

Applicant reserves the right to file a Divisional Application directed to non-elected claims 9-30.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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